

## A TRACTION TRIP

With Gigantic Possibilities  
Behind it Comes Home.

### POINTERS ON A NEW BILL.

Furnished From the East, Show How  
Cable Lines May Stretch

### LONG ENOUGH TO BIND THE CITY.

Grade Crossings, Gas, Water and the Bridges  
All Subordinated.

### PRESIDENT PATRICK ON ITS DANGERS

Whether with or without adequate reason, considerable excitement has already been stirred up in the eastern end of the State over a seemingly innocuous but undoubtedly important measure.

Incorporating motor companies, prepared and about to be introduced in the Legislature by Representative Marland, of Pittsburgh, the Dispatch has before alluded to the bill, but, it appears, without any detailed information as to its actual or implied purpose.

The Philadelphia Press of yesterday morning was right in its interpretation of the bill, the people of Pittsburgh, or at least scores of Pittsburgh corporations whose privileges are defined and limited by the act, are vitally interested in it, pro or con. Here is what the Press said of it:

Mr. Marland is a Pittsburgh member, and while he presumably introduces the bill in the interest of the motor company of Pittsburgh, the traction company will also desire every advantage in its provisions. The law prohibits any person from tunneling under or passing over, by work, the conduits of any motor or cable company for the purpose of making water, gas or other connections for any purpose whatever, without first notifying the company.

Under this provision if a private citizen wanted to connect his house with the gas and water mains and it was necessary to tunnel under the conduits of the traction company, he would have to first notify the company before the work could be done. The law also gives the company the option of doing the work itself. It does not care to trust a private contractor. Any violation of these provisions is punishable by a fine.

In addition to this the proposed law gives the motor companies the right of way. This traction company may always have other privileges granted them as to cross tracks of all other companies, to build bridges at grade and to cross all bridges along the route of the company lines. Any person who obstructs the passage of the cars, under its provisions, liable to arrest and a fine of \$10.

The small boy will have to forego the pleasure of dropping a string down the slot with a tin can, or any other article, attached and seeing it carried along the cable. This is made an offense and is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both in aggravated cases.

### MR. MARLAND EXPLAINS.

The Hon. Alfred Marland, who will introduce the bill, was seen at his residence on Mount Washington last evening. He has been ill for several days with throat troubles, and talked with difficulty. He said:

The bill is divided into several sections. The first part is to prevent any person from tunneling under or passing over the works of any cable or motor company for the purpose of making water or gas connections for any purpose whatever without the consent of the company; and the latter may do the work itself if the company does not care to trust a private contractor. A traction or motor company is for public convenience, and its cars should not be delayed by persons laying gas or water pipes just whenever they choose and without the consent of the company. This section conforms with the law relating to other railroads and street car lines, and I do not think it should be in any way objectionable. If the consent of the company cannot be obtained, the persons who wish to lay the gas or water line can, by a proviso in the bill, appeal to the courts of the county, and the judges will decide who is in the right. It is not unfair that the company should be permitted to have the right of way, and that work is performed satisfactorily, and if the parties who are laying the line will not or cannot perform it with satisfaction, the company should be permitted to do the work. That part of the bill which provides for the right of way of the parties through the bill, he is being cheated, he may appeal to the courts, who will decide. That right is provided for in the measure.

### THE CROSSING PROVISION.

Another section will give a traction or a motor company the right to cross the tracks of any other corporation, provided certain satisfactory arrangements can be made with the party of the second part. If not, the matter may be carried to court, and the court will decide.

Some corporations imagine they have the exclusive right along a certain highway, and they prohibit all other corporations from running cars along that road or street. Now, it is the intention of this bill to prohibit such practices and allow the traction or motor company to obtain redress in the courts.

It also permits the cable companies to construct bridges at grade crossings. Suppose a traction line would have to cross a gully through which a railroad passed, and this railroad line did not, for reasons of its own, wish to have a bridge constructed across the gully. It would do all in its power to prevent its erection? The object of my bill is to permit the traction people to construct such a bridge, provided they do not violate the ordinance as regards height above the tracks, etc. of any city in which the proposed bridge is to be constructed.

### DIG BRIDGE PRIVILEGES.

It will also give traction and motor roads the right to cross any bridges along the route. When satisfactory arrangements cannot be made with the said bridge company the traction companies may appeal to the courts. This is to prevent any bridge company from giving one railway company the exclusive right to cross its bridge, and will remove all barriers from a traction or motor road crossing with the exception of the matter of making terms. The judges in our courts will decide how much should be paid, provided no arrangements can be made.

The last section of the bill provides for the imprisonment and fining of persons who willfully obstruct or interfere with the property of the company.

The only copy of the bill that I have in my desk at Harrisburg, I think, when the bill comes from the committee, the public will decide that it is a very satisfactory measure, and contains some common sense. There is nothing monopolistic about the bill, and as traction and motor roads provide the common methods of transportation, it will give them some rights which are now prohibited. The bill needs no defense.

### DOESN'T BELIEVE IT WILL PASS.

President Patrick Talks on Representative Marland's Bill.

The bill prepared by Mr. Marland, granting new powers for traction companies, "has a snake in it," some street railroad men say. None of those who were seen last night knew very much about the bill, and had not heard that such a measure was to have been presented. This bill gives motor companies the right of way and the privilege to cross tracks of all other companies, to build bridges at grade and to cross all bridges along the route of the companies' lines.

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The formal dedication of St. Bonifacius R. C. Church on Royal street, Allegheny, took place yesterday, the ceremony being conducted by the Very Rev. Archbishop Hughes, O. B. Father Prior, of St. Mary's; Rev. Father Kaufman, of Manchester; Rev. Father Athanasius, of St. Vincent's Abbey, and Rev. Father Bede, of St. Francis, Washington, D. C., were among the speakers.

Rev. Father Hammond, of St. Mary's Church, delivered the sermon, and Rev. Father Gregory, of St. Francis, acted as Master of Ceremonies. Besides the members of the congregation the societies of the Knights of St. George, No. 3, and St. Aloynus, of St. Mary's Church, were present. In the afternoon solemn vespers were conducted by Father Athanasius, assisted by Fathers Bede and Gregory.

### A BAD CROWD RAILED.

Young Offenders of the Law Are Locked  
Up for a Hearing To-Day.

A number of complaints have been made at police headquarters about a number of girls and young men who made it a habit to congregate on the streets in the neighborhood of Ross and Diamond streets and to act in a disorderly manner.

A couple of officers made a raid on the place last night, and arrested Mary Bart, Maggie Moore, aged 13 years, and Annie Black, aged 15 years. They were held for a hearing this morning.

### A SAUSAGE SUPPER.

The Chief Dish at a Big Dance and Reception  
by Birmingham Turners.

The singing session of the Birmingham Turn Verein had a social entertainment and dance to-night in the Turner Hall, on Jane street. A peculiar attraction to the guests will be the "meteluppe," which may be translated as a "sausage supper."

### AID FOR THE POOR.

Miss Annie McCandless, Secretary of the  
Allegheny Relief Society, reports that during the past week the 50 families have been relieved, \$608.30 expended and \$725 collected. Donations have been received from Mrs. Gasky, Mrs. Hagan and Messrs. Joseph Eickbaum, Fielding and William Thaw.

### FOR MR. FARNELL'S DEFENSE.

Branch 621, of the Irish National Land League, held a largely attended meeting at their hall on Beaver avenue, Allegheny, last evening. The secretary of the branch, Rev. M. Carroll, was instructed to send \$100 to the Farnell defense fund.

### LOCAL ITEMS, LIMITED.

FREDERICK LANG, hostler in the car stables of the Birmingham Street Car Company, had one of his legs crushed yesterday, and was otherwise badly bruised.

THE Republicans of the Sixth ward will hold a suggestion meeting at the Forbes school on Tuesday evening. Candidates for various offices will be named. There is a lively fight on for the nomination for Council.

SERVICES at the jail yesterday were conducted by Chaplain Milligan of the Western Penitentiary. The majority of the prisoners were under the care of Professor Martin, who had a picked choir of about 30 persons. The music was the finest heard at the jail for a long time.

### CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

WM. SMITH, President of the American Flint Glass Workers Association, left last night for Philadelphia on business connected with the association.

S. P. KENNEDY, Commercial Agent of the St. Louis line, is in this city, went to St. Louis last night to confer with officials of his road in regard to Texas freight rates which will advance on the 20th inst.

LAWYER C. C. CRANE, of the window glass manufacturer, went to Washington, D. C., last evening to attend to some business preparatory to the annual meeting of the Window Glass Manufacturers Association which will meet there Wednesday next.

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